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SUBJECT: SECRETARY CLINTON'S REPLY TO ARAB LEAGUE
SECRETARY GENERAL AMRE MOUSSA, S/ES 200910766

11. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY CLINTON TO ARAB LEAGUE SECRETARY GENERAL AMRE MOUSSA. THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE THE TEXT OF THE MESSAGE BUT HAS NO OBJECTION IF THE ARAB LEAGUE WISHES TO DO SO. THERE WILL BE NO SIGNED ORIGINAL.

12. BEGIN TEXT:

Dear Mr. Secretary General:

Thank you for your letter dated June 7 expressing appreciation for President Obama's speech at Cairo University on June 4. In his speech, the President proposed a new beginning between the United States and Muslims around the world, based on mutual interest and respect for one another. The work of implementing this vision will require engaging diverse elements of the United States government and its international partners. I share the President's vision and hope we can work together to develop closer ties.

The President has expressed, both publicly and privately, his strong support for the two-state solution and the importance of Israelis and Palestinians living in peace and security. His Cairo speech reaffirmed his personal commitment to pursuing peace between Israel and all of her Arab neighbors. The President has called on all the parties to fulfill their obligations under the Roadmap. It is important for all of us to do our own part to help create the context that would support a return to meaningful negotiations, which can be brought to a quick conclusion.

I hope the Arab League can continue to work closely with the United States on this issue. I look forward to the upcoming meeting of the Quartet in Trieste, where I hope that Quartet representatives will have the opportunity to meet with several senior officials from Arab governments to discuss our shared objective: comprehensive peace in the Middle East. Building upon the spirit of the Arab Peace Initiative to diplomatically engage Israel is an important step. Arab states must also help the Palestinian people to develop the institutions that could support a future state.

Sincerely yours,

Hillary Rodham Clinton

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